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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated October 25, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions.

Amendment

Pages 1 and 2 of the specification have been amended to replace US Application numbers with corresponding US granted Patent numbers in the Co-Pending Applications. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced.

35 USC§102 – Claims

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of published US patent application 2002/0180834 to Silverbrook. The Applicant disagrees.

The '834 disclosure relates to a wide format printer with a printhead 41 made up of a series of modules 46 are fixedly mounted to the chassis 60 of the printer. The printhead 41 is not slidable relative to the chassis although the individual printhead modules are removable.

The invention defined by claim 1 is limited to a printhead that can slide into and out of the printer along a rail. It also provides for convenient disconnection of the printhead from the ink supply. This makes removal and replacement of the printhead a simple operation that requires a minimum of disassembly of the printer. In a kiosk or shop front style commercial environment, the replacement of the printhead in a wallpaper printer unit needs to be as easy and quick as possible.

The wide format printer of the cited reference does not slideably mount the printhead on a rail within the printer. Therefore, it fails to anticipate claim 1. It follows that it also fails to teach dependent claim 2 or any of the other dependent claims.

35 USC§102 – Claims

Claim 8 stands rejected as obvious in light of published US patent application 2002/0180834 to Silverbrook, in view of WO01/89848 to Silverbrook. Claim 31 stands rejected as obvious in light of published US patent application 2002/0180834 to Silverbrook, in view of published US patent application 2002/171692 to Martin.

Pursuant to the above, the '834 reference does not teach all the elements of claim 1. Both '848 and '692 also fail to teach a printhead slideably mounted on a rail within the printer. Therefore the combination of cited references do not teach or suggest all the features of claim 1 or claims 8 and 31.

Accordingly, claims 8 and 31 are not obvious in view of the cited references.

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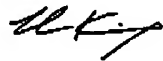
Conclusion


It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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